



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

World Teacher's Day - 31 October

World Teachers' Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. World Teachers' Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Kin Kora teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring your child/ren. Friday is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers at Kin Kora and the local community. In preparation for this day, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the wonderful Kin Kora teachers and acknowledge the hard work and dedication they put in.

What a Difference a Day Makes

- Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 2 weeks
- Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 8 weeks
- Missing One Day a Week for 10 Years = 400 days = **2 years of school!!**

Throughout 2014, one of our improvement goals has been around student attendance and our target was 95% or above. Our attendance for Semester One was 92.5% and to date for Semester Two is 91%. Unfortunately, we are below the goal and are still underperforming in this area.

As we are reviewing student achievement for issuing report cards, it is clearly evident that those students who are attending regularly are achieving better than those who have high absences. When viewing students who require assistance in learning, those students who attend regularly compared to their peers who do not, are also improving at a much faster rate.

Poor attendance erodes the quality of learning experiences. Please avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts. Regular attendance at school is important. School is children's work and every day is a learning day.

Many thanks to those families who endeavour to have their children here every day (unless they are ill). We have 33 days left of the school year; let's try for 100% attendance.

Day for Daniel

This year's Day for Daniel will be held on Friday the 31 October. Now in its tenth year, Day for Daniel is an annual event that aims to increase child safety awareness and also raise funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation which aims to make the world a safer place for children. We ask students to wear something red in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Suggestions include a shirt, a ribbon, socks, etc.

School Camp

All the best to our Year 6s, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Burke, Ms Woods, Miss Shannon, Mrs Small, Miss McCarthy, Mrs Versic and Mrs Flint as they head off on school camp this Monday the 3 November. We thank all involved for their tremendous efforts preparing for this event. Please ensure that all children are at the bus stop by 7.30am at the latest.

Outstanding Sporting Achievement

I would like to congratulate Jacelyn Davidson from 4C who placed first at the State Titles last weekend in the Level 3 pair for Acro (gymnastics). This is an outstanding sporting achievement, especially as it is her first year in the sport. Well done.

National Bandana Day 2014

National Bandana Day will be held on the 31 October. This year Canteen is hoping to raise 1.1 million dollars to support young people with cancer. At this point in time, Kin Kora students have really jumped on board in support of this great cause with every bandana being sold. As a result, Kin Kora kids have raised over \$1900, a fantastic response.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

Toolooa State High School Orientation

The Toolooa SHS Year 6 to 7 and year 7 to 8 orientations days are as follows:

Year 6 to 7 - Thursday 4 December (Full Day)

Year 7 to 8 - Friday 5 December (Full Day)

Please remember to:

- Wear full primary school uniform
- Bring a hat, water bottle and lunch (limited tuckshop service on the day)
- Bring a notebook and pens/pencils to write
- Bring any paperwork and enrolment packs not yet handed in

Parents are welcome to attend school tours on both days from 9-10AM.

Gladstone State High School Orientation

As the year quickly draws to a close we look forward to our Orientation Days. We have two days to enable the students to experience high school and get to know their peer mentors. We hope this is a time where questions can be answered, connections can be made and concerns can be addressed.

When: Term 4, Week 9

- Year 7 into 8 Tuesday 2.12.14 and Wednesday 3.12.14
- Year 6 into 7 Wednesday 3.12.14 and Thursday 4.12.14

Where: Meet at the hall on your first day

What to wear: Your school uniform

What to bring: Hat, water bottle, writing materials and a happy disposition along with a positive attitude

Enrolment forms: Please hand in your enrolment forms prior to orientation days (if you have not already done so). This is necessary so that students can already be placed into house groups and participate in activities during orientation days.

Lunch: A sausage sizzle will be provided on one of the orientation days (year 7s on the Tuesday and the year 6s on the Thursday). On the alternative day you may either bring your own lunch or purchase from the tuckshop.

Booklists: These details and other organisational details for next year will be provided at the orientation.

Performing Arts: Information regarding the Performing Arts Class will be provided on the orientation days.

Volleyball School of Excellence: Trials will be conducted on the second day of each age group (Year 7s on Thursday, Year 8s on Wednesday).

Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop is open on the Orientation days from 8:15am - 3:30pm, as well as on Friday from 8:15am - 11:15am. The shop will also be open during certain days of the school holidays. Phone orders are also welcome on 4976 6193.

Travel: It is the responsibility of parents to organise drop off (9:00am) and collection (3:05pm) of students. If your child will be travelling by bus please contact the bus companies prior to these days. If you require any more information please direct any queries to Nicki Collocott.
ncoll55@eq.edu.au OR 4976 6155

2015 Newsletter

As of 2015, Kin Kora's weekly newsletter will only be sent out electronically. I would also like to remind all parents that the newsletter can be viewed via the "Q Schools" app.

P&C news

Figures have been added and a special thanks goes out to Kin Kora State School and Gladstone Community who raised approx \$6500 from our Cent Sale. Please support the following businesses who also supported our Cent Sale: **Capri Wholesale, David's Music Centre, Pizza Hut and Scentsy.**

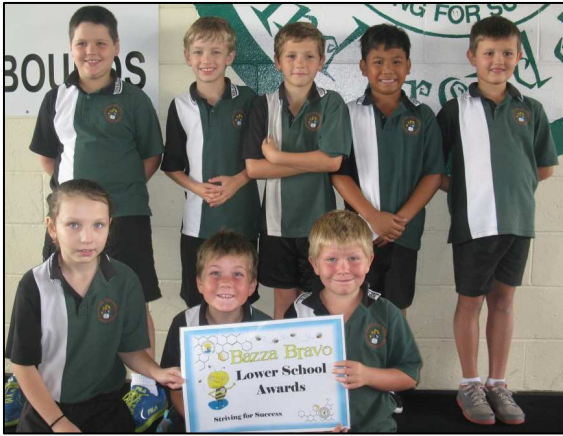
Tuckshop

Please go to www.flexischools.com.au to order your child's tuckshop requirements. Please drop in and see Sam or phone her on 0417 101605 if you need assistance with this process. All volunteers are MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies. **If you have pre-ordered your child's tuckshop and they are not attending school that day, please advise the Tuckshop on the morning of ASAP so we can credit back your flexischool pre-order. Thank you.**

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Mon 3 Nov	Year 6 Camp group departs	Wed 3 Dec	Yr 7 GSHS Orientation day Yr 8 GSHS Orientation day Year 7 Graduation at GECC
Wed 12 Nov	PREP Orientation 9.30-10.30	Thu 4 Dec	Yr 7 GSHS Orientation day Yr 7 TSHS Orientation day Year 6 Graduation at GECC
Thu 13 Nov	PREP Orientation 9.30-10.30	Fri 5 Dec	Yr 8 TSHS Orientation day Christmas Stall
Tue 18 Nov	School Captain speeches at 9am	Wed 10 Dec	Report Cards and 2015 Classes Finalised
Tue 25 Nov	House Captain elections	Thu 11 Dec	Final Parade
Tue 2 Dec	Yr 8 GSHS Orientation day	Fri 12 Dec	Last day of Term 4

Bazza Awards





Nude Food



Enviro Captains



Attendance Award

